logical balance.

— Two Biosphere Reserves, one in 'Nanda Devi' and the other in 'Nokrek' have been established.

— Two Eco-Task forces, one each in Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh, have been raised to undertake eco restoration work.

Polluted Rivers in Tamil Nadu

687.SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the polluted rivers in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the level of pollution each river; and

(c) the steps taken to remove pollution from these rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Based upon the results of the river water quality monitoring programme, the Central Pollution Control Board has identified 13 grossly polluted river stretches in the country. None of these grossly polluted stretches in the country. None of these grossly polluted stretches of the rivers is in Tamil Nadu.

(c) The Government has taken the following steps for the prevention, abatement and control of water pollution:

i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

ii) Networks of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

iii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries;

iv) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to keep the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated limits;

v) a time bound action plan for control of highly polluting 17 categories of industries has been prepared in consultation with the state Governments and a Notification has been issued under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31,1991;

vi) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment;

vii) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to cluster of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants.

Social Forestry scheme in Orissa

688.SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets set under the social Forestry Scheme in Orissa during the Seventh Fiver Year Plan period had been achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the district covered under the scheme during the Seventh Plan period;